

## COUNCIL ENACTS IMPORTANT LAWS

**Dog Ordinance Meets With  
General Approval of Ma-  
jority in City.**

### LAW LIMITING SPEED.

**Censorship Over Objectionable Pic-  
tures and Measures Regulating  
Rollerskating in Future.**

There was but little discussion in the Board of Aldermen last night, and the business presented was transacted with dispatch.

An ordinance to amend sections 23, 24, 25 and 34 of the health law was introduced and referred, as were also ordinances directing the Southern Railway Company to place improved rails on Wilkes street at the intersections of Washington and Wilkes and for paving between the rails and two feet on each side of the same, also an ordinance directing the Washington-Virginia Railway Company to make similar changes at Cameron and Payne streets were referred to the committee on streets.

The ordinance providing for the muzzling of dogs which are allowed to run at large in the city, and for the extermination of unlicensed and ownerless dogs, was received from the Common Council amended by that board after it had left the hands of the committee on general laws by the substitution of the words "approved by the police department" after the section providing for muzzling.

This amendment was combatted by several members, and after it had been eliminated the ordinance was passed.

A resolution directing the police department to send out the dog wagon immediately was also received from the Common Council. It, too, struck a snag, the Aldermen believing the Mayor should be directed to send out the wagon.

This resolution after having been so amended was passed.

An ordinance regulating the speed of automobiles, motorcycles, etc., upon the streets of the city was also received from the Common Council but not in the shape approved by the Aldermen. The committee on general laws had made the speed limit eight miles an hour on King street, but the lower board had increased it to ten.

Mr. Ballenger moved to make it twelve. He said most cities allowed such a speed, and New York had no speed limit on Sunday.

Mr. Hill favored twelve miles an hour for King street, and gave his reasons therefor.

Mr. Ogden opposed the views of Messrs. Ballenger and Hill.

Mr. Field said he had favored eight miles an hour on the principal thoroughfare, although he would not oppose the ten-mile limit.

Mr. Ballenger's amendment was adopted—5 to 2,—and the ordinance was passed—ayes, 6, Nays, 1, Mr. Ogden.

Mr. Ogden inquired of the finance committee concerning the fate of the measure providing for a new house for the Relief Hook and Ladder Company. He said many people had asked him concerning the purpose of Council.

Messrs. Field and Hill assured Mr. Ogden that the committee would in due time report upon the matter.

The Aldermen after concurring in the action of the lower board on the papers which had been sent in adjourned.

### Council Council.

Four important additions to the laws of Alexandria which have been needed for years were passed by City Council last night the two bodies, thus accomplishing more constructive legislation in a few hours than they heretofore have done in a year.

The four new statutes which will be written in the law of the community as soon as the Mayor can sign them are as follows:

Prohibiting dogs from running loose on the streets or vacant lots without muzzles; providing for a fine or from \$5 to 10 on their owners and instructing the police department to kill all dogs found without muzzles.

Prohibiting the use of roller skates on sidewalks except by children under

10 years old; no skating to be permitted on streets where there are electric railways and other regulations for the safety of the children and public included.

Limiting the speed of automobiles, motorcycles and other vehicles on the streets of the city to 12 miles an hour and to 6 miles at crossings and providing rules for the regulations of traffic.

Prohibiting the showing of pictures on any slide or moving picture film within the city limits of Alexandria.

All four of the ordinances had been prepared by the general laws committee and were passed by practically unanimous votes. A slight hitch took place on the speed ordinance. The original report of the committee called for a speed of 8 miles on King street. This was raised by Common Council to 10 miles but the Board of Aldermen made a further raise to 12 miles thus placing King street on a par with the other streets of the city. When the paper was returned from the upper board there was considerable objection to the change and a conference committee was appointed but they were unable to secure any concession from the Aldermen and the latter's figure of 12 miles was reluctantly agreed to by the lower board.

The ordinances were not passed without considerable debate and nearly two hours was taken up in the discussion. The muzzling ordinance went through with flying colors there being no objection on the part of anyone, although an amendment making the police department the judge of the muzzles to be used was introduced by Mr. Swan and passed.

The speed ordinance was also passed by a unanimous vote, but arising from its consideration was a slight controversy between Mr. Brockett and Mr. Spinks as to the regulation of the speed of electric trains. Mr. Brockett contended that operation of electric trains at a speed of 12 miles an hour was safer to the pedestrians than a speed of 8 miles an hour and he was sustained in this view by Mr. Marshall who gave some experiences relative to accidents. Mr. Brockett also held that because the electric cars ran in tracks in the center of the street where everyone knew where they were they were not as dangerous as automobiles were dashing up and down regardless of the people who were walking on the streets.

Mr. Swan favored an increase in the rate of speed on King street and secured the passage of his amendment on this subject.

The roller skating ordinance was discussed at some length. Early in its consideration Mr. Chaucney opposed its passage and said that he would never vote for any measure to deprive the children of their right to use the streets and sidewalks until Council had provided them with suitable playgrounds. He said that if Council would build a new school house on the lot in the northwestern section of the city where there would be room for play grounds for the children he would vote for the measure.

Mr. Birrell favored the ordinance but wanted the age limit of the children who could use the sidewalks raised to 12 or 14 years.

Mr. Marshall favored the measure and explained conditions on upper King street which made its passage necessary.

Mr. Spinks was in favor of the general provisions of the act but made strenuous objection to the section prohibiting children from skating on streets where there are electric cars.

Mr. Williams objected to the feature forbidding two or more persons from skating hand-in-hand and at his suggestion the ordinance was slightly changed.

On the final vote the ordinance was passed by a vote of 10 to 2. Messrs. Leadbeater and Chaucney voting in the negative.

In order that the police department may establish cases against violators of the speed laws, Councilman Birrell introduced a resolution appropriating \$300 for the purchase of a motorcycle to be used by a policeman for that purpose. This was referred to the finance and police committee.

The light committee recommended the passage of an ordinance providing for the election of a superintendent of city gas works, and fixing the salary at \$1,200 a year. This was referred to the general laws committee. It was explained that the position is held now by F. W. Latham, and his salary is \$1,000 a year. However, in order to make the change it is necessary that Council elect a superintendent, as it has neglected it for the past six years. Mr. Latham will not have

## GREAT DISTRESS IN NEBRASKA

**Omaha Crowded With Car-  
riages and Hearses on  
Way to City of Dead.**

### SILENT PROCESSIONS.

**Death List in Stricken City Grows—  
128 Bodies Identified, Six Un-  
known and Fourteen Missing.**

Omaha, Neb., March 26.—The relief committee which was organized yesterday, opened six relief stations today along the cyclone's path. At each station an officer with full police power will be in charge and under him will be one surgeon and a nurse. They will not only take care of the slightly injured, who apply for help but will dispense food, clothing and money.

Through every channel possible the appeals for financial aid are being made to residents of Omaha and nearby towns. Bill boards are being utilized to explain to the public and all daily papers are receiving donations.

Every street around many churches of the city was crowded with hearses and carriages early today. On all sides the silent processions moved toward the cemeteries.

Over a hundred victims found refuge in the auditorium last night and this morning were served with rations by the militiamen.

The death list has not grown since last night's. There are 128 bodies unidentified, at least fourteen missing and six unidentified. This is the list for Omaha alone. The Ralston and Council Bluffs lists remained unchanged.

The soliders and relief workers are laboring through snow again today and are still further handicapped by severe cold. The mercury has dropped to about twelve above.

### NO RABIES IN HEADS.

**Dogs Recently Killed by Order of Po-  
lice Court Not Suffering From  
Hydrophobia.**

As has been stated in the Gazette, the heads of two dogs which had bitten people and were ordered to be killed by the Police Court were sent to Washington for examination.

The authorities of this city have been informed that neither dog had been suffering from rabies.

This intelligence will afford relief to the victims of the curs, who have naturally been apprehensive as to the results of their wounds.

It was not believed at the time that the dogs were mad, but the court determined to ascertain beyond doubt the condition of the canines when they made the attacks in order to satisfy the persons who had been bitten that they may not fear serious consequences.

New York.—Investigation is being made into an alleged "cat teeth" trust. It is said that teeth of cats are extracted and sold at high prices to South Africans who use them for jewelry.

to take the final examination, the ordinance prepared providing for this.

A resolution of Councilman Albert Bryan appropriating \$300 for the purchase of a horse for the Columbia Fire Engine Company was passed. A petition for extension of gas mains on Cameron street between Pitt and St. Madison streets was referred to the light committee.

An ordinance for a modern roadway on Cameron street between Pitt and St. Asaph streets was passed, as was also an ordinance for the improvement of the square on Payne street between Cameron and Queen streets. A petition of property owners on Columbus street between Pendleton and Wythe for sewer was referred to the street committee.

An ordinance for the revision of certain sections of health laws was referred to the general laws committee. Permission was granted E. Heidenger to connect by special wire a burglar alarm call at police headquarters.

### NEWS OF THE DAY.

Direct communication between San Francisco and London, England, by cable and telegraph was established Monday in a test which is said to have been successful. It was made possible by means of a cable sounder which permits the use of the Morse code for cable messages. The transcontinental line of the Postal Telegraph Company was "hooked up" to the trans-Atlantic cable for a few minutes and messages were exchanged without difficulty. The cable is routed by way of Boston and Halifax and the operator in London and the man in San Francisco "talked" to each other without the assistance of relay offices.

A fierce storm that acted like a western tornado swept over Scranton, Pa., yesterday afternoon. The Round Woods section of the city suffered most. The Clemons silk mill was unroofed and a 150-foot section of the roof was deposited on the adjacent engine room, partially demolishing the structure. There were 150 girls at work, but except for bruises and scratches they were uninjured. The tower of No. 32 school building was blown down and several nearby residences were damaged. Trees and fences were blown down in all parts of the city and in the adjoining country. A heavy downpour, accompanied by thunder and lightning, followed the tornado.

Two children, Mullins McDowell, aged 11, and Arnie Ruth, 13, were indicted by a Wake county, N. C., grand jury for killing Lindsey Smith, a young negro, two months ago. Both are members of what is known as the "North Person Street" gang, a band of boys whose organization was not known to have existed until Smith was killed. The McDowell child admits killing the negro, with whom, he says, he had no quarrel, the Ruth boy having fired a pistol at the same time the little McDowell shot the negro with a rifle.

John McClelland, a farmer, lost his life, and his brother Lafe, escaped being murdered only by fortunate chance Monday night at Ranger, W. Va. The two men were assaulted, beaten into unconsciousness, and their bodies thrown into the Guyan river. Lafe McClelland was restored to consciousness by the shock of his contact with the cold water, and was able to swim ashore and escape in the darkness. His brother, however, has not been seen, it is considered certain that he found his grave at the bottom of the river.

An artificial eye probably saved the life yesterday of Job Owen, of Shamokin, Pa. Owen was walking along a street when a bullet from a rifle discharged by an unknown person struck his glass eye which prevented the bullet from entering the brain. Aside from a badly lacerated eye socket, Owen was uninjured.

### Flood in Western New York.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 26.—Hornell was the principal center of the flooded district in western New York, today. The city suffered the worst inundation in its history. Only one fatality was reported but the property loss will be large. The Genesee valley is flooded and at Bradford and Corry, Penna., railroad washouts have tied-up the transportation. Salamanca and Olean, N. Y., are partly under water.

New York.—E. Grossman, suing his wife for separation asked the court that Mrs. Grossman be compelled to pay his counsel fees.

**Notice to Gas Consumers.**  
Gas bills for quarter ending March 1, 1913, having been delivered, this is to notify all consumers that a discount of 30 cents per 1,000 feet will be allowed on all bills paid on or before April 1, 1913. After that date no discount will be allowed, and delinquents will be required to make early settlement. By order of the Committee on Light.

J. B. WALLER,  
March 24. td Clerk of Gas.

WANTED—Experienced dressmaker. Mrs. Hunt, 420 South Fairfax 26 3t

## INDIANA AND OHIO TOWNS SUBMERGED

**Hundreds Perish and Many  
Thousands are Rendered  
Homeless.**

### HOMES WASHED AWAY.

**Weather Bureau Can Give no Hopes  
of an Early Change in Meteorolo-  
gical Conditions.**

Cleveland, Ohio, March 26.—Characterized by President Wilson as a "national calamity" the gigantic floods that have simultaneously engulfed whole cities in Ohio and Indiana, today appear to have surpassed all records of recent years in the scope of their destructiveness.

Reports from the stricken sections today show that the loss of life has been heavy but so far no accurate estimate of the total number killed is possible. That 500,000 persons have been rendered homeless and property damaged to the extent of a half billion dollars appears certain.

The Miami River Valley, including the towns of Dayton, Hamilton and Piqua, is an eighty mile long strip of devastation.

The Wabash river, bursting its banks at Peru, Indiana, has brought havoc upon town after town throughout its length. Indianapolis and other cities on the White River are inundated.

Throughout other sections of both states the smaller rivers have flooded towns and hamlets by the score and passing eastward the rising waters now threaten to visit similar destruction upon the vicinity of Pittsburgh, Wheeling and other cities on the Ohio and Allegheny rivers.

Columbus, O., March 26.—With more than 250,000 driven from their homes, while towns laid waste, and loss of life that cannot be estimated, Ohio lay prostrate today before a flood that showed no signs of abatement.

Reports that reached Columbus today from the different stricken cities were meagre because railroad facilities were paralyzed and only occasionally was Columbus able to get a telegraph or telephone connection.

Scene of indescribable horror are reported from Dayton. Loss of life is estimated from 150 to 5,000 according to various reports flitting in here. One report is that a school house is inundated and that nearly 400 children who were in it at the time the levee broke were drowned. This, however, has not been confirmed. The entire city is under from ten to thirty feet of water and people have sought the tall buildings and the hills as places of refuge.

The flood that hit Dayton was due to the breaking of the Loraine reservoir, in Shelby county, about seven o'clock Tuesday morning. Rushing down the Miami Valley, the water carried everything before it in Piqua, Troy, Sidney, Dayton, Carrollton, Miamisburg and Hamilton.

That there has been great loss of life in the Miami Valley is certain but the exact extent is at this time largely guess work.

In Columbus the west side is practically wiped out, 15,000 or more are homeless, and the reported loss of life ranges from a half dozen to two hundred. Houses are floating down the river with people on their roofs. Several fires in the submerged district have added to the horrors.

A man marooned with his family on the roof of his home shot and killed his wife and three children and then himself rather than to suffer death in the flames.

A big man is crying like a child here at the offices of the National Cash Register Company, where nearly one thousand homeless flood victims are sheltered. He has been to the hospitals and schools, where refugees are housed, to the churches—but at none of these is his family.

The money loss is heavy, but nobody cares about money loss, though it runs into the millions.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 26.—Paralyzed by a tie-up of industry and transportation, heavy loss of life reported from several cities, with prop-

### SUMMARY OF FLOOD DAMAGE.

Ohio.  
Miami River Valley flooded inundating Dayton, Piqua, Troy, Sidney, Carrollton, Miamisburg, Hamilton and a dozen smaller towns. Estimated dead in Dayton, 100 to 300. No estimate from other flooded cities.

Mad River Valley—West Liberty and Springfield flooded. Scioto River overflowed inundating part of Columbus and many small communities.

Delaware, on the Olentangy River, flooded, twenty five reported dead and 400 homeless.

Lima—Flooded by Ottawa river.

Indiana.

Peru—Many reported dead, city cut off from all aid.

Indianapolis flooded by White river, ten thousand homes inundated, immediate property damage.

Fort Wayne—Flooded, all light gone, water famine threatened.

Marion—Marion, Elwood, Broad Ripple, La Fayette, Rushville, Muncie, and Noblesville partly under water.

Richmond—Twenty bridges torn down, many persons homeless.

Kokomo—Flooded by Wild Cat Creek, 1,500 homeless.

Shelbyville—City half flooded.

Logansport—City isolated, scores of houses washed away.

Terre Haute—Wabash flooding residence section, railroad office destroyed, 500 homes inundated.

Zanesville—Muskingum river flooding city; two thousand already homeless; Sixth street bridge swept away.

### LAST NIGHT'S RECITAL.

**Appreciative Audience Hears Mrs. Cox in Delightful Programme.**

The recital last evening by Mrs. Annie Staunton Cox was attended by a large and most appreciative audience as Mrs. Cox was received with earnest enthusiasm. Her sweet tones throughout the varied numbers she gave kept her listeners wondering which selection they preferred. The beautiful lines of Francis W. Bondillon.

"The mind has a thousand eyes  
And the heart but one,  
Yet the light of a whole life dies  
When love is gone."

set to music by Hawley whose tones seem to breathe the thought of the words, was encored so heartily that Mrs. Cox responded with "Annie Laurie" playing her own accompaniment. Mrs. Cox's rendition of "Mammy's Song" where the little chap went off to sleep while "Brer Possum" was still "a-gathering" persimmons, "a heap-a-heap-a-heap" made one feel like they, too, would like to drop off to slumberland each night with just such sweet tones lulling them to sleep.

Too much praise can't be said of Mr. Eldridge, who gave one of his own compositions, responding to applause with a delightful cradle song. Miss Kast rendered two selections on the violin with masterly technique, accompanied by Mr. Sherman B. Fowler.

Little Miss Schneider gave three selections on the piano in manner most marvelous for a child of twelve years, and her stage presence so sweetly child-like added to the attractiveness of her numbers.

After the recital Miss Gault Norton entertained at her home in Prince street.

Mrs. Cox and the young ladies ushers at the recital.

### To The Democratic Voters of Alexandria:

Your attention is called to the fact that your poll taxes must be paid on or before May 3rd, 1913, in order that you may vote in the general election on November 4th, and the primaries prior to that date.

**City Democratic Committee.**  
CHAS. BENDHEIM,  
Chairman.

R. T. COOK, Secretary.  
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## ADRIANOPLE IN HANDS OF ALLIES

**Turkish Holy City Falls—  
War May Now be Brought  
To End.**

### SAID TO BE IN FLAMES.

**Shukri Pasha Said to Have Com-  
mitted Suicide When Enemies En-  
ter Place.**

Sofia, March 26.—Adrianople, has fallen. The Bulgarian War Office today gave out that information. The fall of the Turkish Holy City followed a general assault by the Bulgarians and Servians. According to the report, the Third Bulgarian division entered the city and took formal possession. Before they surrendered, the Turks blew up several powder magazines and fired houses, but the conqueror saved the city from destruction.

This afternoon it was reported that Adrianople was in flames in a dozen spots and the inhabitants were fleeing in every direction. Danger existed that the city would be destroyed.

Accounts from the front said that the Bulgarians bayoneted hundreds of Turks who were engaged in firing houses and blowing up powder magazines.

The Bulgarians and Servians entered the city after hours of desperate fighting and a display of valor seldom equalled in modern warfare. They rushed the last works of the Turkish defenders in the face of terrific fire, and won their way into the city in hand to hand encounters.

Shukri Pasha, commander of Adrianople's killed himself with a pistol as the first Bulgarians entered the Holy City, according to an unconfirmed report here.

London, March 26.—The reported fall today of Adrianople, the capture of which was reported from Sofia and undisputed, was hailed by diplomats as insuring the early end of the Balkan war.

The Holy City has been one of the bones of contention standing in the way of peace for many weeks. Bulgaria demanded the town and the Ottomans refused to give it up because of its moslem importance, there being many shrines and tombs there sacred to the Turks.

It was Adrianople that stood in the way of mediation by the great powers. The ambassadors in their proposal to mediate, suggested that Turkey be allowed to retain control of the moslem portion of Adrianople, maintaining there a religious ruler, while Bulgaria would actually govern the town.

The allies delayed many weeks in replying to the powers, and it was understood that they were holding off hoping to capture Adrianople before making terms.

### Forty Persons Drowned.

Connersville, Ind., March 26.—Forty or more persons were drowned in Brookville, Franklin county, according to authentic information received here today. The bank which protects the city where two forks of the White River meet, broke Monday night. Twelve houses just back of the levee were crushed by the wall of water and the inhabitants undoubtedly perished.

### NOTICE OF MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stock holders of the Washington Riding Company, Incorporated, will be held at the principal office of the Company, No. 111 S. Fairfax street, Alexandria, Va., at 2 o'clock P. M., Monday, April 7th, 1913, at which meeting directors for the ensuing year will be elected.

DAVID MACKAY, Jr., Secy.

### IN MEMORIAM.

In sad but loving remembrance of my dear son, HARRY HUDSON, who died one year ago today.

Loved in life. Remembered in death. —By His Mother

Thieves last night broke into the ticket office at Arlington Junction, but failed to find any money.